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Government Memorandum, dated 2nd July 1932, regarding the improvements to the Sengalipuram drainage.

* 287 *Q.*—Mr. K. S. SIVASUBRAHMANYA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government (Public Works and Labour Department) issued a memorandum on 2nd July 1932 to the ryots of Nadagudi that they propose to watch the effect of the improvements made to the Sengalipuram drainage for two years;

(*b*) if so, the result of such watching during the last fasli;

(*c*) whether the rate of valuation of harvested crops in Nadagudi as ascertained by the Revenue Department during the last fasli was far less than that of the preceding five or six years;

(*d*) if so, the reason for the same; and

(*e*) what action the Government have taken with reference to the memorandum referred to in clause (*a*)?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A complete report from the Board of Revenue on this point is awaited.

(*c*) & (*d*) The answer to clause (*c*) is in the negative. A statement [a] showing the outturn in annas as recorded in the cultivation accounts is annexed.

(*e*) Proposals are awaited from the Board of Revenue.

Decline in the quantity of silt in the waters of the Cauvery.

* 288 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. NADIMUTHU PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received complaints from the mirasidars of the Tanjore district that Cauvery waters do not carry the usual silt now after the construction of the Mettur dam?

A.—The Government have seen a statement to that effect in a copy of the proceedings of a meeting of the Landholders' Association held at Negapatam in July last and also in a memorandum submitted by the Tanjore Old Delta Mirasidars' Association.

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that on account of the diversion of the flood water to Coleroon, the silt is carried away and wasted?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"No, Sir."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"Is the hon. the Revenue Member aware that, according to G.O. No. 443 I., dated 8th May 1905, the Tanjore district ryots are not getting the same amount of silt in their water on account of the fact that the flood waters of the Cauvery are being diverted to Coleroon where they are allowed to go to waste?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I must have notice of the question, Sir."

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Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"Have the Government ascertained whether the silt is really diverted from the Cauvery into the Coleroon?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"Cauvery water which goes into the Coleroon necessarily takes some silt with it. Owing to various measures Government are taking and especially after the construction of the Mettur Reservoir which regulates the supply of water, much less water is now wasted in the Coleroon."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I ask what is happening to this silt now?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"Not much silt reached the Tanjore delta from the Cauvery river above Mettur; most of the silt came from the Amaravati and Noyyal rivers."

Irrigation of certain portions of the Udayarpalayam taluk by means of water from the Cauvery or Coleroon.

* 289 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that between the years 1903 to 1905 the Government caused an investigation to be made whether it is possible to irrigate certain portions of the Udayarpalayam taluk, Trichinopoly district, by means of the water from the Cauvery or the Coleroon; and

(*b*) whether the result of that investigation would be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The hon. Member is presumably referring to the project for a reservoir across the Nandyar river which was to receive its main supply from a channel from the Cauvery taking off above the upper anicut.

(*b*) A copy of G.O. No. 443 I., dated 8th May 1905, has been placed on the table separately.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I ask whether certain portion of the Udayarpalayam taluk were being irrigated by this project up to the year 1865?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must have notice of the question."

Land Revenue Administration

Remission of land revenue in the Tanjore district.

* 290 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from various persons, Conferences of Landowners and Landholders' Associations in the Tanjore district, praying for the remission of suspended revenue, for a remission by at least 25 per cent of the land-tax in the coming year, and for the abolition of the new water-rates for a second irrigated crop on single crop wet lands proposed to be brought into force from July 1934;